

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Joint Select Committee on the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act

Supplementary questions – 14 March public hearings

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1. Should the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust be able to transfer funds between the associated trusts? How should the financial needs of the respective trusts be determined?

Yes. The primary criterion for determining expenditure across the GSPT properties should be on the basis of equity, need and appropriateness to the circumstances of each of the places managed by the GSPT.

That is likely best done by each place, working collaboratively with its Community Trustee Board, developing a prioritised list of proposed works and activities. The resulting lists should be presented by representatives of those who prepared them, for discussion and review, to a group of senior people who have deep knowledge of each place, a propensity for fairness and experience in balancing complex and competing demands involving cultural, financial, educational, commercial, environmental, community, safety and other dimensions. The outcome of these discussions should be a consolidated list of propriety projects, irrespective of place, prepared for endorsement by the GSPT Board.

